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Sue's parents had died when she was a little girl and had left her an orphan. She had felt deserted and had decided to leave her Indian heritage for the world of the white man, and the only contact she had with the Indian tribe was with Great Wolf, who was a wise man and seemed to be the grandfather of the tribe. She spoke to him often, asking him for advice because she did not feel that she had anyone else that she could think of as family. Great Wolf loved Sue very much and welcomed her each time she visited the reservation.

One afternoon Sue went to see Great Wolf. She felt bad for leaving her people, but she could not give up the ways of the white man's world. Great Wolf comforted her and gave her a necklace that had been her mother's. He said it was called the Paupas and it had special powers that only Sue could use and understand.

She wore the necklace but did not think much about it until one day when she was in the grocery store. She saw a man wearing a

heavy coat and thought it was strange because it was very warm outside and not a day to wear a coat. Then Sue saw him pull out a gun and hold it in the face of the cashier, demanding all of the cash that he had.

Sue did not know what to do as she gripped the Paupas with worried hands. Suddenly the gunman fell to the floor as if he had been hit by some unseen force. He lay there as the police arrived and put him in handcuffs.

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